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FEBRUARY MILK PRICES INCREASED FROM JANUARY

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during February were up from a month earlier, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The price of corn, hay, and apples increased also. The price of potatoes decreased. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$18.50 per hundredweight of milk sold during February, up 70 cents from January and \$1.70 more than February a year ago.

Grain corn, at \$6.34 per bushel, was 75 cents higher than January and increased \$2.56 from last year. Hay averaged \$112 per ton, up \$3 from January and \$7 above prices received last year. Potatoes averaged \$13.50 per hundredweight, 20 cents below January but \$1.20 higher than February 2010. Apples, at 24.7 cents per pound, were 0.9 cents above January and 4.8 cents higher than last year.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 168 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from January. The Crop Index is up 12 points (6.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, lettuce, and milk and lower prices for strawberries, cattle, broilers, and broccoli. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and hogs offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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